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Claims 8 and 11 to 15 were amended to make minor editorial amendments.

The amendments to claim 9 are supported in the specification on pages 46 to 47.

New method claims 16 to 21 are supported in the specification on pages 1, 46 and 47.

New method claims 22 to 27 are supported by original claim 9.

Applicants are pleased to note that claims 8 and 15 were allowed, claim 14 was deemed allowable and claim 13 was not rejected over prior art.

Claims 9 and 10 were objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) for the reason set forth in the second paragraph on page 2 of the Office Action.

The above amendments serve to avoid the above objection to the claims.

Claims 1, 6, 7 and 11 to 13 were objected to for the reason set forth in the third paragraph on page 2 of the Office Action.

It is considered that claim 1 should not have been included in this objection.

The claims were amended to avoid this objection.

The rejection of claims 1 to 7 under 35 USC 102 over Iwao et al. is moot in view of the present claims.

It is respectfully submitted that the present compound claims are allowable.

New method claims 16 to 27 depend directly or indirectly on allowable compound claims. Accordingly, examination and allowance of the new method claims are respectfully requested

(see In re Ochiai, 37 USPQ 2d 1127 (Fed. Cir. 1995); In re Brouwer, 37 USPQ 2d 1663 (Fed. Cir. 1996)). If method claims 16 to 27 were originally presented and subject to a restriction requirement and withdrawn from consideration, then such method claims would have been rejoined pursuant to MPEP 821.04 and allowed.

Reconsideration is requested. Allowance is solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

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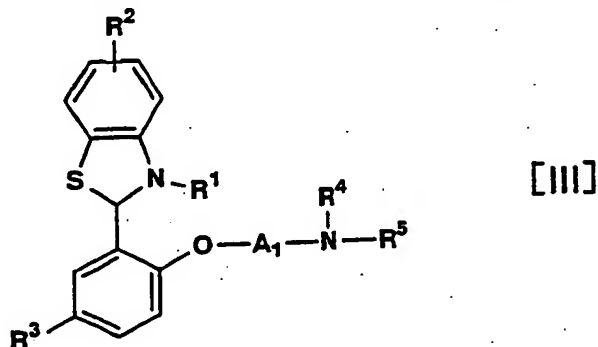


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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A compound or a salt thereof having the following formula



wherein R^1 is acyl, R^2 is hydrogen, halogen, unsubstituted alkyl or alkyl substituted by halogen; R^3 is halogen or alkoxy; R^4 is cycloalkyl, unsubstituted alkyl or alkyl substituted by cycloalkyl, aryl or hydroxyl or an ester thereof or alkoxy; R^5 is hydroxyl or an ester thereof, alkoxy or alkoxyalkyl; or R^4 and R^5 are bonded with each other to form a pyrrolidine ring substituted by hydroxyl or an ester thereof, alkoxy or alkoxyalkyl; R^6 is hydroxyl or an ester thereof, alkoxy, alkoxyalkoxy, alkoxyalkoxyalkoxy; mercapto or alkylthio; and A_1 and A_2 , are the same or different, and are alkylene, provided that (i) when R^4 and R^5 are bonded to each other to form the pyrrolidine ring substituted by hydroxyl or an ester thereof, R^2 is halogen; (ii) when R^4 and R^5 are bonded to each other to form the pyrrolidine ring substituted by alkoxyalkyl, R^2 is hydrogen; (iii) when R^6 is hydroxyl or an ester thereof, R^4 is isopropyl.